

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the State/UT</i>	<i>Samples Analysed</i>	<i>samples found Sub-standard (%)</i>
13.	Orissa	545	16 (2.9%)
14.	Punjab	1339	226 (16.9%)
15.	Rajasthan	422	52 (12.3%)
16.	Tamil Nadu	12040	154 (1.3%)
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1314	79 (6.0%)
18.	West Bengal	220	3 (1.4%)
19.	Pondicherry	197	1 (0.5%)
<b>Total</b>		<b>30286</b>	<b>1209(4.0%)</b>

Note: States and UTs not listed in the Table Do not have any laboratory.

#### **Gas Reserves**

4787. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of gas reserves likely to be exploited during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether the Indian and Overseas Companies have been offered participation in the exploitation of the gas reserves;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any joint sector project has been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARAND):

(a) Approximately 8% of the known in place reserve as on 1.1.91.

(b) and (c). Indian and foreign compa-

nies have been invited to participate in the 4th round of bidding for the exploration of oil and gas. The last date for submitting bids is 15.4.92.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Siachin Glacier**

4789. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had taken any initiative with Pakistan to resume bilateral talks on Siachin glacier; and

(b) if so, the progress made in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAV SINGH SOLNKI):

(a) At the fifth round of Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held at Islamabad on 30-31 October, 1991, it was

agreed that the dialogue on Siachen should be resumed at an early date.

(b) Government hope to have discussions on this issue soon with the Government of Pakistan.

#### **Production and Export of Cashew Nut**

4790. SHRI HARISH NARYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cashewnut Produced in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantity and value of cashewnut exported during the said period;

(c) whether yield per cashew tree in the country is very less as compared to other cashew growing countries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the yield per cashew tree?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) the rough estimates of State-wise Production of Cashewnut for the last three years are given below:-

<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>Production (Tonnes)</i>		
	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
1. Kerala	1,36,900	1,39,500	1,42,100
2. Karnataka	23,680	24,650	25,770
3. Andhra Pradesh	34,260	36,580	37,770
4. Orissa	26,770	28,600	29,100
5. Maharashtra	24,380	27,130	29,510
6. Goa	12,780	13,210	14,100
7. Tamil Nadu	12,360	12,430	12,470
8. West Bengal	2,890	3,170	3,440
9. Pondicherry	270	270	280
10. Tripura	50	50	50
<b>All India</b>	<b>2,74,340</b>	<b>2,85,590</b>	<b>2,94,590</b>

(b) The quantity and value of the cashew kernels exported during the last

three years are as under: